

810-3-61-.02 Credits for Contributions to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs).  
**(NEW RULE)**

(1) Scope: Act 2013-64, as amended by Act 2013-265, provides for income tax credits to individuals and corporations making scholarship donations to SGOs. This rule prescribes procedures for making scholarship donations and claiming income tax credits.

(2) Credits will be limited to scholarship donations which are bona-fide gifts.

(a) The donor may not receive anything of value from the SGO in return for the gift.

(b) No relative of the donor may receive a scholarship from the SGO to which the donation was made.

(c) A child, grandchild or sibling will be considered a relative, as will a child or grandchild of a sibling, parent or grand parent

(3) Allowable scholarship donations must be in cash. They cannot be services, forgiveness of debt, barter or non-cash assets.

(4) A donor must enter the donation into the Department's system for tracking scholarship donations and credits. The credits will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to verification by the SGOs. A donor failing to enter the donation into the Department's system to reserve the amount of the credit may lose the right to claim the tax credit if the \$25 million of maximum available credits has been reached.

(5) A donor may not claim an income tax deduction on the Alabama tax return for the same contribution for which a credit is allowed on the current year's tax return nor for which the credit is carried forward to a future tax year.

(6) The allowable credit for a corporation is limited to 100% of the amount of its donation. The maximum allowable credit for an individual taxpayer is \$7,500.00 or 100% of his/her donation, whichever is less.

(7) The actual credit used to offset a taxpayer's tax liability for a given tax year, is limited to 50% of the tax liability of the donor, or the amount of the allowable credit, whichever is less.

(8) The allowable credit may be claimed only once. If the allowable credit exceeds 50% of the tax liability in the tax year the donation is made, the unused portion may be carried over for up to three years. Any unused allowable credit carried over from a prior year may be added to the allowable credit for the current year, and may be claimed for the current year, subject to the overall limitation of 50% of the tax liability of the donor.

(9) Credits may only be claimed by the donating individual or corporate entity, and may not be assigned or transferred to any other taxpayer. A taxpayer may not claim credit for a donation made by any other entity, including an entity taxed under subchapter S or subchapter K, of which the taxpayer is an owner, shareholder, partner or member.

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History: